



SATURDAY, JUNE 12, 1909.

## CAMPAIGN TO HELP NEGROES

National Conference Is To Organize Permanently.

The National Negro Conference closed at the United Charities Building last evening after a session somewhat less noisy than Bedlam with the adoption of a series of resolutions expressing the ideas of the members on the general subject of the status and treatment of the negro.

The conference also authorized the chairman of the evening, Charles Edward Russell, to appoint a temporary committee to make plans and recommendations for a permanent organization, and the chairman named a committee of nearly forty men and women, including negroes, white Socialists and persons engaged in "social service."

Besides the resolutions printed below the meeting adopted one deploring any recognition of or concession to race prejudice in the appointment of men to office and disapproving President Taft's remarks in his inaugural address indicating that he would not appoint to office colored men if white citizens protested.

On motion of Oswald G. Villard another resolution was adopted expressing indorsement of the proposal for a permanent national committee, to be incorporated, to aid the negro in every way to make his citizenship a reality, the committee to be named "The Committee for the Advancement of the Negro Race."

In the course of discussion T. Thomas Fortune said that the only discrimination against black labor in this country was at the hands of the labor unions. The resolutions which the conference adopted follow:

We denounce the ever growing oppression of our 10,000,000 colored fellow citizens as the greatest menace that threatens the country. Often plundered of their just share of the public funds, robbed of nearly all part in the Government, some murdered with impunity and all treated with open contempt by officials, they are held in some States in practical slavery to the white community. The systematic persecution of law abiding citizens and their disfranchisement on account of their race alone is a crime that will ultimately drag down to an infamous end any nation that allows it to be practised, and it bears most heavily on those poor white farmers and laborers whose economic position is most similar to that of the persecuted race.

The nearest hope lies in the immediate and patiently continued enlightenment of the people who have been inveigled into a campaign of oppression. The spoils of persecution should not go to enrich any class or classes of the population. Indeed persecution of organized workers, peonage enslavement of prisoners, and even disfranchisement already threaten large bodies of whites in many Southern States.

We agree fully with the prevailing opinion that the transformation of the unskilled colored laborers in industry and agriculture into skilled workers is of vital importance to that race and to the nation, but we demand for the negroes, as for all others a free and complete education, whether by city, State or nation, a grammar school and industrial training for all, and technical, professional and academic education for the most gifted.

But the public schools assigned to the negro of whatever kind or grade will never receive a fair and equal treatment until he is given equal treatment in the Legislature and before the law. Nor will the practically educated negro, no matter how valuable to the community he may prove, be given a fair return for his labor or encouraged to put forth his best efforts or given the chance to develop that efficiency that comes only outside the school until he is respected in his legal rights as a man and a citizen.

We regard with grave concern the attempt manifest South and North to deny to black men the right to work and to enforce this demand by violence and bloodshed. Such a question is too fundamental and clear even to be submitted to arbitration. The late strike in Georgia is not simply a demand that negroes be displaced but that proven and efficient men be made to surrender their long followed means of livelihood to white competitors.

As first and immediate steps toward remedying these national wrongs, so full of peril for the whites as well as the blacks of all sections, we demand of Congress and the Executive:

First—That the Constitution be strictly enforced and the civil rights guaranteed under the Fourteenth Amendment be secured impartially to all.

Second—That there be equal educational opportunities for all and in the States, and that public school expenditures be the same for the negro and white child.

Third—That in accordance with the Fifteenth Amendment the right of the negro to the ballot on the same terms as other citizens be recognized in every part of the country.

The conference discussed in the morning the civil and political status of the negro and in the afternoon the negro and the nation. Bishop Walters presided in the morning and declared that the negroes should make no compromise of their manhood rights. They should "organize

## The Mechanics' Savings Bank Building--side view.



The above cut shows the side elevation of the proposed Mechanics' Savings Bank building to be erected on the north-west corner of Third and Clay Streets. The main entrance to the offices upstairs is shown in this drawing.

## VIRULENT SMALLPOX.

Smallpox in Virginia at Present the Worst Known in Years.

Richmond, Va., June 2.—(Special.)—Reports received this afternoon at the State Health Department indicate that smallpox still exists in a very dangerous form in the tide-water sections of the State. As yet there have been comparatively few cases, but so many of these have died that the Health authorities are taking every precaution. At the office of the State Health Department, the Commissioner gave out a brief statement on the subject: "We are not so much alarmed at the prevalence of the disease," he said, "as at its virulent form. Beyond question, the smallpox now in eastern Virginia is the worst known in many years, and has caused a very considerable mortality. Our reports indicate that many people have been lulled into a false security by the mild character of smallpox prior to this outbreak, and have neglected to vaccinate their children. As along as this continues, we must expect that the smallpox will become more and more virulent and will spread very rapidly. "In view of the fact that local health authorities are active in coping with this outbreak, the State Health Department has not yet ordered compulsory vaccination throughout the infected district. It is understood, however, that unless the situation is improved, compulsory vaccination will be demanded in a number of counties."

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Signed: W. H. BROADY, Beneficiary.  
Witness: E. F. SCOTT.

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